



**SIGNING UP** — "Miss Defense Bond", Cubie Bohannon (center), adds George W. Stevens (right), Torrance City Manager, to the roster of employers who are installing the Treasury's Payroll Savings Plan in the Junior Chamber of Commerce's bond drive which made Torrance the first "Flag City" in Southern California, with 90% of the community's business firms cooperating in the sale of U. S. Defense Bonds, George Post (left), who headed the community-wide bond effort, looks on.

# School Tax Slash of 20 Cents Expected in Budget

## NEW RATE OF \$2.68 SEEN BY DISTRICT

An estimated reduction in the school tax rate of 20 cents per \$100 assessed valuation was hoped for, according to Emmett Ingram, business manager of the Torrance Unified School District.

The school tax rate for 1951-52 may be \$2.6887 per \$100 assessed valuation against \$2,8887 this year, the budget message indicated. The rate includes .60 cents for El Camino college.

The estimate is subject to alteration when official assessed valuation figures are obtainable, and when state school support legislation is completed. There will be a considerable increase in assessed valuation, it was predicted, and on the basis of 4,800 average daily attendance at \$90 per a.d.a., state school support would amount to \$432,000.

The budget asks for \$1,526,740 for schools next year, against expenditures of \$1,197,720 this year.

Various totals are:

	1950-51	1951-52
Administration	\$70,994	\$76,670
Instructional	788,340	1,015,725
Auxiliary Serv.		
ices	31,830	41,685
Plant Operation	124,100	183,400
Plant Maintenance	38,400	44,050
Fixed Charges	31,874	40,870
Transportation	27,900	36,570
Community Service	9,200	5,200
Capital Outlay	71,982	76,130
An undistributed reserve of \$25,000 and a general reserve of \$100,000 added to make the requested budget for the year 1951-52 a total of \$1,651,740.		



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# RIVIERA BUS SERVICE OFFER 'UNSATISFACTORY'

## THE FREE PRESS (An Editorial)

The other day, this newspaper published an editorial deploring the fact that through the neglect of officials of El Camino College District to properly publicize the election of members of the Board of Trustees, only 31 electors in Torrance voted on the question of continuance in office of the Torrance member of the Board.

Our editorial stated that this neglect is a serious threat to our very liberties, which neglect, if continued, could end our right of franchise.

A few days later, we were criticized for printing the editorial informing the people of this threat to their rights.

In another recent edition, the Press printed a news story about a quasi-public official who resides outside of Torrance while receiving, directly or indirectly, compensation which comes from the public coffers.

A few days after this article appeared, a representative on the payroll of this organization took time out to scold us and to criticize the nature of our editorial policy which is dedicated to the best interests of the people—our readers.

The First Amendment to the United States Constitution reads:

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the PRESS; or of the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

Our very freedoms are guaranteed by the provisions so set forth.

No person nor governmental body can abrogate these rights, except by repealing these conditions in the Constitution.

There is no law, nor principle, which states that we cannot, if we would, call to the attention of the people—our readers—the affairs respecting their welfare.

There is the possibility of conspiracy to prevent certain information from reaching the people, however, and this, at times, is participated in by the "press" while it guards its rights under the constitution. No, there is no law regarding "withholding" of news, and many newspapers do keep their readers in the "dark" about what goes on in governmental affairs. We, of the Torrance Press, elect to avoid being placed in that category.

But, there IS a law which protects our right to print ALL OF THE NEWS, and if the public officials who may be involved see fit to "resent" the exercise of this right, let them read the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, and examine their own intentions and principles.

Taxpayers have the right of access to all public offices, all public documents, and all meetings of governmental bodies. Certain court sessions and meetings of the Grand Jury are exceptions.

This is the RIGHT of the taxpayers.

This newspaper fights for the guarantee of free expression, the free press, and extends its columns to everyone.

We will freely criticize public officials and public bodies, if we feel that their conduct in office warrants such criticism, and is in the best interest of the citizenry.

We suggest that public officials who question our rights, and "advise" us as to our conduct, examine their own ideals and principles, and be governed thereby.

We believe in America, and we are going to stand up for our rights, and for the rights of others guaranteed by the Constitution.

## 10 TO 13% CITY BUDGET HIKE ESTIMATED

Expenditures of taxpayers funds to finance the City of Torrance in its various governmental functions during the year 1951-52 will amount to an increase of from 10 to 13 percent, it was estimated as a result of budget meetings being conducted by the City Council.

The Council met in "agenda" session last night, and it was decided that the allowances to departments over the present year's budget could amount to from \$74,994 to \$97,493, and still stay within the revenue as estimated at this time.

The various departments had introduced budget requests asking for \$988,307 for next year. This was about 32 percent over the amount allowed this year.

Revenue estimates at this time now are \$840,799, and the budget must be kept in line with that figure, officials said.

The result is that some departments will get no increases and others will get substantial allowances over this year's costs.

Among them will be police, fire, street and similar departments whose costs go up with the population gain.

Officials estimated last night that the budget for general purposes would range from \$825,000 to \$850,000.

The budget for the current year ending June 30, is \$749,947, but there is a considerable amount in the unexpended funds of various departments.

The assessed valuation figures, upon which the tax rate will be based, are now available, but there should be no increase in the tax rate this year, officials said.

In fact, Councilman Nick Draie is insisting on a reduction of the rate, he declared.

## Convenience of Patrons Ignored

The Torrance Bus Department plans for service to Hollywood Riviera, starting July 1, are entirely inadequate, Frank Brennan, chairman of the Riviera committee working for reestablishment of the line, told the Torrance Press this week.

He said that the proposed schedule and routes suggested by his committee are being ignored by the Bus Department, and that apparently no effort is being made to serve the convenience of the people of the area.

"To have service is one thing, but to have service that will discourage use of the buses is something else," Brennan declared.

"Inadequate service is like sending a boy to do a man's job. The first bus leaving Hollywood Riviera under the new schedule set up by the Bus Department departs at 8 a.m. This does the working man or woman no good, whatever. We want a bus leaving the Riviera before 7 a.m., and it will get some patronage.

"The last bus leaving Torrance for Hollywood Riviera under this new schedule leaves Torrance at 4:45 p.m.

"This might get some of the high school students home from school, but it does not get the working man or woman home from plants and offices Los Angeles and in Torrance.

"Also, our request for a late night bus, for the convenience of students and others going to Torrance in the evening has been ignored.

"We want a bus leaving after the stores close, and also one as late as 10:30 p.m."

**BLOUNT APOLOGUE**  
 Brennan told the Press that Councilman Blount had declared that he was not interested (Continued on Page Two)

## DUMP MENACE PROBLEM IS STALEMATED

No funds are being set aside from the surplus monies in the City Treasury to build a city incinerator nor for alleviating the deplorable conditions which exist at the City Dump, Councilman Nick Draie said that he had been informed this week by City Manager George Stevens.

Councilman Draie declared that he asked Stevens as to intentions of his office for use of the surplus money which might amount to as much as \$250,000 this year, and that Stevens declared "most important things will be taken care of first."

For months, the people of the Kettler Knolls area have been fighting to close down the City Dump and the private dump adjoining, because it is a menace to the well-being of hundreds of (Continued on Page Two)

## Costs Survey Of Alondra Annexation

Costs of the proposed annexation of Alondra Park to Torrance is being surveyed by City Manager George Stevens, it was revealed this week. Results of the survey will be presented to the City Council upon request, Stevens said.

In a letter to the Chamber of Commerce from the North Torrance Civic Association, the group asked that they be given the "facts" about the proposed annexation. The association had been referred to the Chamber of Commerce by Councilman Ed Karlow in a recent Council meeting as to information concerning the pros and cons of the proposed annexation.

In answer to the association, the Chamber of Commerce said in another letter, that a survey of the requested information was being planned at that time by the city of Torrance.

## Groundbreaking Of Armory Unit Causes Gripes

While groundbreaking ceremonies for a \$158,500 addition to San Pedro's National Guard armory were conducted Monday morning, local residents felt that Torrance, with a battalion, now overseas, should have received consideration for an armory.

San Pedro, which has an armory, has only a battery of men stationed there.

Torrance's 578th Battalion of the 40th National Guard Division, formerly stationed at the airport and ball park, is now serving overseas in Japan.

Top officials of the National Guard and San Pedro unit supervised the groundbreaking ceremonies.

Capt. John L. Whaley, who (Continued on Page Two)

## New Foundry To Hire 24 From Area

The Federal Burner Corporation, which will begin its Torrance operation in September or October, will hire about 24 persons from the Torrance area, it was announced by Jack Barrett, general manager.

The concern, a gray iron foundry, will be located on a three-acre site at Jefferson and Oak streets. They are moving their operations from a Los Angeles location.

**SMOG CONTROL**  
 Barrett said that completely new equipment is being installed (Continued on Page Two)

## Municipal Court Settlement Looms

Possibility of a special session of the Legislature called immediately after the present session closes Saturday to work out a compromise on the Inferior Courts bill loomed as this edition went to press yesterday.

Whether the South Bay Municipal Court, which will serve Torrance among other communities, will have two judges or whether the present City and Justice courts will be preserved as they are for another year or two were questions which were to be settled in the remaining days of the legislative session.

The whole Inferior Courts program as adopted by the Legislature was "thrown out the window" by Governor Warren's veto. The Governor said he did not approve of the measure because it provided Los Angeles County with 84 judges instead of 74 as suggested by Chief Justice Phil Gibson and the Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County.

A standby bill, to preserve the courts as they are for the present, was introduced as passed (Continued on Page Two)

## Banks Here to Remain Open Sat. Mornings

While banks in San Pedro and Los Angeles will be closed on Saturday mornings during the months of July and August, both the Torrance National and the Torrance branch of the Bank of America will remain open on Saturday mornings.

R. D. Deininger, vice-president of the Torrance National Bank, when asked if that bank would remain open on Saturday mornings for July and August replied, "If you could get our neighbors across the street close on Saturday mornings, we would be happy to do likewise."

When asked the same question, Dean Sears, manager of the Torrance branch of the Bank of America replied, "We do not intend to close for Saturday mornings. This is an industrial town and as most people work five days a week, we think it only (Continued on Page Two)

## EL CAMINO CUTS BUDGET \$200,000

A considerable reduction in the budget of El Camino College for the new school year beginning July 1 was indicated by action of the college Board of Trustees last night in adopting a tentative budget of \$1,933,000. This is over \$200,000 less than the budget for the present school year.

It was indicated that the decrease in the budget is a result of an indicated reduction in the enrollment of veterans and the possibility of a decrease in the number of students received from the Los Angeles Junior College District, under agreement with the Los Angeles Board of Education.

**FINAL HEARING**  
 Contract with the Los Angeles district for interchange of pupils is now under negotiation. The Board authorized a call for a special meeting of the trustees for 7:30 p.m., August 1, for a public hearing on the final budget.

After receiving recommendations from Superintendent Forrest G. Murdock and interviewing numerous candidates the Board formally selected Dr. William H. Harless as Director of Instruction. Dr. Harless, who was selected from a large field of candidates, is President of Eastern Arizona Junior College at Thatcher, Arizona. He received his A. B. degree from the University of Arizona, his M. A. and (Continued on Page Two)



**PAUL DIAMOND** . . . was installed president of the Torrance Lions Club at their installation Saturday night, June 16 at the Alondra Club. Retiring president is Al Ewalt. Other newly installed officers are: Mill Isbell, 1st vice-president; Frank S. Selover, 2nd vice-president; Fred Boren, secretary; Ken Olson, tall twister; Walt Schaeffer, lion tamer; Warren Hamilton, Henry Berkowitz, C. B. Walls, and Roy Peterson, directors; and Al Ewalt, ex-officio director. —Torrance Press photo

## Bond Celebration Plans Film Star as Emcee

One of Hollywood's top motion picture celebrities will be here Saturday afternoon, June 30 to act as master of ceremonies when Torrance will be the first city in Southern California to win the Treasury's Defense Bond Flag for an outstanding performance in expanding the Payroll Savings Plan here, officials announced. The local campaign was sponsored by the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce, headed by George Post.

Name of the nationally known celebrity has not as yet been disclosed. Governor Earl Warren was invited, but could not promise attendance here.

**90% PARTICIPATION**  
 J. B. Messick, State Director of the Savings Bonds Division of the Treasury Department, who will be here for the celebration, made the announcement stating that 172 out of 190 Torrance employers or almost 90%, has installed the Payroll Savings Plan for the benefit of their employees. Out of the total of 10,332 Torrance employees, 10,199 or 99% now have the plan made available to them by their employers.

**TOP OFFICIALS**  
 Other persons of renown slated to join in on the event are two treasury officials from Washington, D.C. They are Ray O'Malley, National Director of the Payroll Savings section, of the Treasury's Savings Bonds Division and Jarvis M. Morse, National Director of Education of the Treasury's (Continued on Page Two)



Donald M. Maynard

## New Parents' Column Starts In This Issue

If you've often wondered what to do when your child brings up some unexpected problem, you'll welcome Donald M. Maynard's "Parents' Problems"; a new column starting today, June 14, in the Torrance Press.

"Parents' Problems" answers all kinds of questions about rearing children from birth through the teens—everyday problems in homes like yours, from thumb-sucking to dating. Every week, you'll find it filled with practical, down-to-earth advice on how to help your child grow up.

Dr. Maynard is well qualified to offer parents sound and practical advice. He is head of the Department of Religious Education of the Boston University School of Theology and formerly held the same position of Scripps College, Nashville, Tennessee. He is a recognized authority on family life, an author, lecturer and counselor of long experience, and father of two children. He writes as a parent thinks.

"I think of my task," says Dr. Maynard, "as primarily that of helping parents come to a better understanding of child behavior, with new insights as to how they may deal with that (Continued on Page Two)

## Harvey Workers Election to be Held Tomorrow

Tomorrow, June 22, all workers of the Harvey Machine Company will cast their vote as to whether or not they will become an organized union shop or non-union shop.

The two unions competing for jurisdiction are the Metal Trades Council of the A.F.L. and the M.B.J. Williams Local 1414 of the C.I.O.



**BERT LAMB** . . . will be installed tonight at the Hollywood Riviera Club as new president of the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce. —Torrance Press photo

## Lamb Installed New Jaycee Prexy Tonight

Bert Lamb, 27 year resident of Torrance, will be installed as new president of the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce at the installation ceremonies 8 p.m. tonight at the Hollywood Riviera Club. Making way for Lamb as past president of the group is Ed Karlow, Torrance councilman.

Other Jaycee officers to be installed tonight are Bob Owens, first vice-president; Walt Sharon, second vice-president; Marvin Goettsch, secretary; C. J. Meadway, treasurer; Harold Massey, sergeant-at-arms; Ed Karlow, state representative; and Howard Percy and Charles Schultz, Jr., board members.

Lamb, whose occupation is carpentry, graduated from Torrance High School in 1939. During World War II, he spent two years serving in the United States (Continued on Page Two)



**GRAND OPENING** . . . of Dave Figuredo's Shell Service station shown above at the corner of Torrance and Crenshaw boulevards which will be held today, tomorrow, and Saturday, will feature free gifts with gas purchases, hourly bonus prizes and a grand bonus prize of 100 gallons of gasoline. Photo of proprietor Dave Figuredo is shown inset in the right of the photo. —Torrance Press photos. See Story Page 3